



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.10.24

Scams

05.03 The victim advised he believed he was being scammed out of money by a party with the name SL whom he went to high school with. The victim saw posts on SL FB page about bitcoin and crypto currency investing so he reached out to him through FB messenger. The victim purchased \$3800 in bitcoin with the help of SL and then transferred the funds to him, who was going to manage the funds. The victim said he was told by SL that he would take a 20% commission on the funds. The victim said he tried to contact SL to have the funds pulled recently and was told by him that he needed to send more money to him before the funds could be released. This led the victim to look further into SL FB account. He said he conducted a reverse google search on some of the images on his page where it indicated he had made families money and found that they were common internet images that had been photoshopped. The victim informed me through some research of his own he was able to contact someone who also has SL as a friend on FB. The victim was informed that SL profile had been hacked a while back and he no longer had access to the account.

05.06 I spoke with the victim who reported she received a phone call on the work phone (came from a blocked number) at Caribou Coffee and spoke to a male who identified himself as "Sgt. Timothy Neil". The male told her that she had missed jury duty and now had a warrant. The male also told her that they had attempted to send prior notification of this and now since she had missed it was in contempt of a jury and failure to appear. The male told her that she needed to meet him in the lobby of the sheriff's office. Furthermore, the male told her that she would need to write a statement to the judge, and sign a contractual obligation but could pay the "fines" by buying gift cards and uploading them to a "GO2bank" account. She purchased Ecash cards totaling \$983. These were then uploaded via barcodes that were sent to her email from a "Justin Smith".

05.07 The victim received a phone call from Wells Fargo – that was on her caller ID. The caller stated they were from the Wells Fargo fraud department and told her someone had been using her Wells Fargo account at an unknown Best Buy in another state. The suspect told her they needed her to give her Wells Fargo account information to deposit \$4,500 into a "secure account". She gave the suspect her account information and it was used to purchase an Apple Cash card. She stated she was currently out the full \$4,500 but only \$600 had been used on the Apple card so far and she had reported the incident to Apple.

05.07 The victim stated that her computer was hacked after she clicked on a link. A message appeared on her screen to contact Microsoft support and to call the number provided. She called the number and the person asked suspicious questions such as if she lives alone or uses online banking. They then told her to contact the FTC and knew who she banked with and the balance of her bank accounts. She then hung up the phone and there was a voice speaking to her through the computer that was telling her she should not have hung up on the FTC. She then called a friend for advice and then called 911. I advised her to contact her banks, SSA and to change all her passwords.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.03 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – window on vehicle broken out; purse stolen

05.07 154xx Hanson Blvd NW – theft of Chromebook from classroom; suspect identified

Arrests

05.07 134xx Martin St NW- Domestic Assault; deputies were called to a mother/daughter physical altercation. After investigating, the mother was arrested.

05.08 135 Lane/Crosstown Blvd NW – Fleeing in Vehicle; deputies responded to a call of a male slumped over a steering wheel. When they were arriving in the area, they observed the male driving the vehicle. They attempted to stop him, but he fled. The pursuit was called off due to safety concerns. The male eventually crashed the vehicle in Blaine and was arrested by BPD for a DWI.

05.08 157 Ave/Kumquat St NW – No Driver's License, Warrant; a Community Service Officer was on the scene on a crash and when he identified one driver, he had a warrant and no driver's license. He called a deputy to the scene and the male was arrested.

Bethel

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Bethel this week.

Columbus

Arrests

05.05 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant; deputies were called because staff wanted a male trespassed after having a tantrum because he could not rent a room. When deputies arrived, the male was identified. He had a warrant. He was arrested.

05.06 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant; deputies were called to two unruly customers who they wanted trespassed. When one male was identified, he had two warrants out of Ramsey County. He was arrested. The other male was trespassed.

East Bethel

Arrests

05.03 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to the location because two clients had run away after assaulting a staff member. They were located and one female was arrested.

05.03 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic; deputies responded to a husband/wife physical domestic. The husband was arrested.

05.04 Hwy 65/181st Ave NE – Assault; a taxi driver called because her passenger started assaulting her because the THC store she wanted to go to was closed. The deputy arrived and investigated. The rider was arrested and her dog taken to the humane society because she was in the vehicle with the woman.

05.05 11xx 231 Lane NE – Warrant; deputies responded to the home due to a domestic. While investigating, the male involved had a warrant. He was arrested.

05.06 9xx 189 Ave NE – 3rd degree Riot; deputies responded to a fight between clients and staff. Four juvenile females were arrested.

Ham Lake

Arrests

05.06 137xx Johnson St NE – DWI; a caller reported a vehicle in the ditch. A deputy arrived and located the vehicle unoccupied. The driver was located nearby. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .339

Linwood

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Linwood this week.

Nowthen

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Nowthen this week.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.05 208xx Aster Dr NW – theft of license plate from a vehicle

Arrests

05.09 Rum River/195 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest, No Driver's License, Drugs; a deputy observed a male driving a vehicle and he knew he didn't have a driver's license but did have a warrant. The driver was stop. His identity was confirmed and he was arrested. While searching the vehicle, drugs were located.

****Information shared in this report covers crimes that may affect you - things like burglaries, thefts, damage to property, identity theft, etc. We only include a fraction of the calls that deputies regularly respond to.***

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